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Letter dated 8 May 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a. i. of the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The letter dated 27 April 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/420) makes unfounded allegations against the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces. I would like to categorically deny these allegations.

May I take this opportunity to remind the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that his accusations are serious and should be backed by credible evidence. Such baseless statements relying on hearsay and lies are not only insensitive to the families involved but also show lack of responsibility and seriousness from whoever issues them.

As far as Uganda is concerned we reaffirm what Amama Mbabazi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Regional Cooperation), stated to the Security Council on 3 May 2001, while passing Uganda's condolences to the bereaved families of the six workers of ICRC who died in this tragic event, that the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces have undertaken to help in the efforts to investigate and trace whoever is responsible for committing this crime and to bring such person(s) to justice.

I should be grateful if you could bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fred **Beyendeza**
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